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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please make the following amendments to this application prior to examination thereof:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 8-10 by replacing them with the like numbered claims hereinbelow. A marked up set of claims is provided at the end of this document to illustrate the changes made for the Examiner.

8. (Amended) The inductor element according to claim 1, characterized in that the two conductors are formed in substantially linear shapes.